FROM THE FIELD.

Carleton, Neb.

The warm weather is over and our country is again blessed with a bountiful harvest. The farmers are happy.

The church is alive and progressing. Bro. Bashor was with us for nearly one week, and delivered to large congregations several of his very interesting and instructive sermons, also two of his popular lectures: "Pulpit Reminiscences or the Funny Side of a Preacher's Experience," and "California as it is." These were highly appreciated by all. He was with us during the wedding festivities of our esteemed pastor, and also the great local "Old Settlers' Reunion and Farmers' Thanksgiving." This is an annual gathering which is becoming quite popular, and I will only express the sentiment of all when I say we enjoyed Bro. Bashor's short visit to Carleton. The prayers of our people attend the great evangelist and we wish for him a happy and prosperous future.

Bro. DeBolt is away on a two weeks' revival tour to Beaver City, Neb. We bespeak for him a happy time on this his wedding trip and feel that the Lord will bless his labors.

On last Lord's day evening the Ashland College matter was laid before our regular congregation and three $10 subscriptions were taken besides a very liberal basket collection. This makes twenty-three of the $10 subscriptions for this church. The school *must* succeed.

A subscription is now circulated to raise $2000 to build a Brethren church at Carleton. This will be a severe tax on our newly organized church, and yet we feel that with all the ropes that are laid we will be able to gather in the required amount. We have a zealous and wide-awake people to accomplish this great work. Arrangements are being made to seek some help in eastern churches where some of our members formerly lived and where they contributed to similar enterprises, the direct benefit of which they are not now enjoying. We trust all solicited will respond heartily to this very worthy object.

H. M. LICHTY.

Burkette, Ind.

Saturday Sept. 1st, we wended our way to the above named place. It being a strange course we took Bro. Daniel Miller, of Sidney, also Bro. J. H. Shoemaker, of Clay Pool. In the evening we met an intelligent class of people to whom we tried to tell the old story of the cross. On Sunday we met again, also Sunday evening—crowds increased every meeting, and Sunday evening were more than could find seats in the house.

A Brethren's Church could be planted here. There are only one or two members here, but they are full of the spirit of God, which is a good foundation for future work. Here we met Bro. Noah Heeter and wife. Bro. Noah has been holding the fort for a long time. He surely is a credit to the cause as they all claim.

This being our time to visit Indian Creek, not being able to go both places, we secured Bro. W. C. Perry, who went to that place.

At Burkette we found good Christian people. Such as the home of Bro. H. Tucker and wife. May God bless them and the cause everywhere.

J. H. PALMER.

Cambria, Ind.

Church work in this part of God's moral heritage is moving along with the usual amount of activity and earnestness. Our Sunday School is very large and is attended by both old and young. It appears that all professors, in some churches, can attend Sunday School without much inconvenience while in other churches, "oh! it is such a task and so much trouble to go," is it not. Well, if you don't like to go and still go you are to be pitied. But if you don't like to go, and in order to gratify your feelings, stay at home, you are to be more than pitied.

This country is having several young ministers who are at present engaged in teaching, but who intend to make the ministry their calling. After awhile our ranks will be better filled and the old gospel chariot will roll along with more speed. Now don't you fret, there will be room for us all brethren, room for us all.

Bro. Hildebrand left for his home several weeks since in Iowa. Bro. H. so well ministered to the wants of these people during the past year that all were sorry to see him leave.

Ashland University should receive the support of every member of the Brethren church at present. Bro. Lair makes a point when he says "such as I have I give unto thee." If you don't have any gold give your influence. That is something worth more than gold. "In union there is strength." Now since we are thus far let us march on to victory and have a College that is worth patronizing.

J. L. Kimmel.

Sept. 1, 1888.

Pleasant Valley Church.

We met in council Aug. 31st, at two o'clock P. M., and transacted the following business:

Moved and carried that the church continue to have preaching services another year. Moved and carried that we retain Bro. Bauman as our minister for coming year if we succeed in securing sufficient subscription for his remuneration. Moved and carried that Bro. John Smith act as assistant clerk for the year.

Notwithstanding many of the members were absent we had an enjoyable time and were inspired with a new zeal to carry on the work more earnestly than we have done the past year.

ANNIE S. ARNOLD,
Clerk pro tem.

Middlefork, Ind.

Sept. 6.—On last Saturday forenoon, the members of the Salem church were busy decorating the house with evergreen, flowers, pictures and mottoes. Three arches were made across one end of the house, all nicely trimmed. The central arch contained the following prayer; "God bless the little children." You see we were fixing for Children's Day, on the morrow.

Sunday the 2nd inst, dawned on us with all the splendor of a September morning. A little after 10 a. m. the exercises began. There were some 45 declamations interspersed with songs by the children. Songs by the larger children and songs by the babies. Two little girls that could scarcely talk plain sang a little song together. We had a house full of spectators and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

In the afternoon at 3 p. m. Bro. Fitzgerald talked to the children, giving them a very practical talk from the text, "A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

At night the house was again well filled and listened attentively to Bro. Fitzgerald's farewell address. We are sorry to lose Bro. Fitzgerald from this field of labor and from Indiana. He moves to Virginia this month to care for his aged mother during the remainder of her sojourn here.

On Monday evening we had a very pleasant communion. Some of the brethren and sisters from Flora and Edna Mills churches were with us. Bro. Fitzgerald led the services.

We have been very much pleased with Bro. John's labors while with us, and feel that while we in Indiana will lose his labors, they will not be lost to the church at large. We bade him farewell, hoping if we meet no more here, we will join in that innumerable company on the other shore.

B. L. GORDON.

Miami Valley Items.

The middle of September will soon be here, and that is the time by which the first payment for the College is to be made. I am wondering how it will be. Will the Brethren church do her duty? We hope so, nay more, we believe so.

The young brethren who are trying to lift the College clear of all encumbrances show a great deal of faith, and that of the right kind. I notice that even when they are not sure that the first payment will be made, yet they have opened school, and are going on as if the institution was far beyond all danger and doubt. Such confidence in the general brotherhood as this action shows should not be disappointed.

We have heard of at least two new students who expect to attend Ashland University who have never yet been to the institution. This was rather an accident. I left a few catalogues at a brother's home, a little boy visiting there took them home to look at the pictures, when a young man saw them. Now this young man and an old associate is going to attend.

On last Saturday evening we had a love feast at the Miamisburg church. Here we have only 21 members. Bro. Brown and Kiehl cheered us with their presence, so did also several of the members of the Dayton congregation.

We had not given the public a special invitation to be there, consequently there were only some eight or ten there beyond those who expected to commune. We were trying to follow the Lord's example when no one was there but his own disciples. At a previous meeting we had announced that we did not expect to turn the sacred feast into a common spectacle, to merely gratify the curiosity of those who were not interested. We were glad however there were a few who were interested in these ordinances that came, and we tried to make them welcome. We commenced about five in the afternoon, and were through before half past six. Thus it was all observed during daylight. Then after an intermission of an hour, we had preaching at 7:30. With the exception of three, none of the members of this church had ever communed before. On account of the absence of spectators, nobody felt awkward or embarrassed.

Bro. Brown preached us two very logical and instructive sermons on Friday and Saturday evenings.

We would like to have seen more of our members from the neighboring congregations present, but we could not let them know. Unfortunately I was taken sick about the time I expected to publish the notice, and invite others. As it was I was compelled to go around and give invitations personally, and I could not get around far.

On the Friday previous to my appointment at Pleasant Hill, I was taken with another chill. The nature of these chills is very much after the congestive order. And I was compelled to telegraph my failure to attend. However, as Bro. Isaac Kilhefner had been up there and preached a few sermons during the week, the congregation was not allowed to go very hungry. Our next appointment at Pleasant Hill, will be on Saturday evening and Sunday Sept. 15th and 16th.

Our worthy editor seemed to take my letter, or rather long criticism of Bro. Bashor's "Notes of Warning" very much to heart. Why, my dear brother, we must not get so squeamish that we are afraid to say anything to one another, without everybody thinking there is bad blood. If we allow each other to say what we like without a little contradiction and criticism, then it will not be long before everything would go wrong. We have not arrived at perfection yet, so we expect to say and write some things that may not be exactly right, so let us correct one another. This is how we learn. But in all this let us not forget the courtesy that is due one brother from another. With the Christian spirit prevailing there is no danger of falling out.

On last Wednesday night I wrote the last chapter of my new book "The Gospel according to Jesus." It will now be ready for the brethren. I send the contents for insertion that the brethren may see what to expect within it.

I will say nothing about the book here but allow it to speak for itself. All orders for the the book will please enclose one dollar and fifty cents and they shall have the book by return mail. See advertisement elsewhere.

EDWARD MASON.

A Handy Argument for Immersion.

Several years ago I was holding a few meetings in a swampy section of Northwestern, Ohio. During the day I called from house to house, in the locality and talked religion to the people. One morning before the housewives had ample time to get the morning work done, I called at a little board shanty. A bright looking woman, with some evidence of dissatisfaction depicted in her features answered the rapping on the door. She invited me in. After a few words of inquiry about the little children that surrounded her, I mildly stated that a few meetings are being held in the school house, not far away, and her family and husband would be very welcome to attend.

This usually opened the way to the next question which was about church relations. She promptly responded that she, at one time, belonged to the—— church, but had "back-slid." Advice followed, and then the conversation drifted upon baptism. After some of the facts in favor of trine immersion were presented, which seemed to weigh heavily, as a venture of escape, she declared that she believed in "baptizing with water," as John the Baptist said, and not "in water."

She was busy washing and wringing the clothes, as the fashion was in pioneer days. She lifted the clothes high up with her hands and then pressed them down in the water again. I believe they call it "wrenching" the clothes. "Yes," I replied, "you are washing those clothes *with water*, yet you put the clothes down into the water and then lift them out again." She stooped over the tub, and after reflecting a moment, she confessed she was wrong.

Reasonableness should always be carried with investigation. Basing a doctrine upon one word, and a preposition at that, is not a safe platform to stand upon religiously.

A. L. G.

OUR CHURCH.

Little is heard from the field this week. The rounding off of harvest and seeding keep many workers employed.

It is expected that Bro. Bauman, of Kansas, will do some revival work in Missouri the coming winter.

Read Bro. Josiah Keim's letter and then do your part for the University. Remember that next week is the time when payment must be arranged for.

"A children's day" is reported in one of the letters from the field this week. These should be held in all the churches. Next year a day should be announced for the church generally.

Week after next conventions will be held in Indiana and Pennsylvania. Ministers and members, prepare to make those conferences a benefit to the states. Let no church fail to send delegates, and inform them as to the needs of the church, that they may speak with some knowledge. It is high time to awake to the work.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—You are indeed an EVANGELIST to us, for you visit us every week, bringing many times cheering thoughts to our often famished hearts; for we live over twenty miles from our nearest church organization and it is but seldom, not over once a year, that we can meet with our brethren and hear the gospel alone doctrine. Our pastor at St. James, Washington Co., Md., for some reason we do not know, has never yet paid us a visit. But Bro. Duke McFaden did not forget us, and although delicate, walked four miles to call on us, and we really did appreciate his visit and pray God to spare him to see us often. We live near the Baltimore and Ohio R. R., at Engle's Station, four miles west of Harper's Ferry, and any of our ministering brethren who could stop with us and preach a sermon for us would be warmly welcomed. We pray for the success of our little church and for the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor and hope we all may go on to perfection till we meet around the throne of our God.—Sade M. Snader.